

# Washington State Patrol Media Advisory

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## **Media Advisory: Spokane Crime Lab Dedication Ceremony**

- What:** The dedication ceremony of the Washington State Patrol Spokane Crime Lab on the campus of Eastern Washington University. This new, \$11 million dollar, 32,000 square foot state-of-the-art laboratory is projected to house 30 forensic scientists. These scientists will provide services in drug analysis, methamphetamine lab analysis, DNA, microanalysis, firearms, and crime scene response for Eastern Washington.
- Who:** Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste, Eastern Washington University Interim Provost Dr. Ron Dalla and State Toxicologist and Crime Lab Director Dr. Barry Logan.
- When:** Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.
- Where:** The crime lab is located on the campus of Eastern Washington University. The address is 580 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cheney, Washington 99004
- Why:** This is a first-ever partnership between academia and the forensic community. With the crime lab location on the EWU campus, students will be able to learn forensic science in a practical, hands-on environment. This lab will serve a great deal of the law enforcement community east of the mountains and greatly increase capacity and efficiency.

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